

# THIS CHANGED ME.

Sunday, July 20, 2025  
Wawasee Bible  
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PSALM 73

## PART 3 When We Ask God, "Why?"

Life brings many **QUESTIONS** (v. 1-14)

**why do the wicked prosper?** v. 3-12 Psalm 5:5; 75:4

**why do the righteous suffer?** v. 13-14 2 Corinthians 12:7; 1:4; 1 Peter 1:6-7

only **GOD** can answer (v. 15-17) Psalm 20:2; 37:38; Job 42:1-6

↕ and he tells the **FUTURE**. (v. 18-27)

### the wicked:

• **their present** v. 18, 20 Ephesians 4:17-19

• **their future** v. 18-19 2 Thessalonians 1:8

### the righteous:

• **their present** v. 23-26 Matthew 28:28; John 15; Ephesians 2:1-10

• **their future** v. 23-26 Ephesians 1:9-10

**We are sent** to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



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Text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, "**Pray for...**" followed by your request.  
Or just ask a question and someone will be in touch via text.



## Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study & Reflection

**What is this?** – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card (pew rack or in the app), or contact the church office! Most groups break for the holidays, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!



In the meantime, check out a **Summer Group** this summer! They are casual groups set up around a variety of activities intended to help you form more connections and friendships across Wawasee Bible.



**Learn About Each Group & Sign Up in the Church Center App!**

### Food for Thought...

1. **Struggling with Envy: Psalm 73:3-12** expresses the psalmist's frustration over the prosperity of the wicked. How does this struggle resonate with your own experiences of questioning fairness in life, especially your perception of God's role in it? Reflect on a time when you felt envious of others' success and how you sought God's perspective.

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2. **The Righteous' Suffering: Read Psalm 73:13-14** alongside **Romans 5:3-5**. How does Paul's teaching in Romans about suffering producing endurance and hope complement the psalmist's struggle with the suffering of the righteous? Write a brief reflection on how this perspective might help you endure personal trials.

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(Food for Thought continues on back panel...)

# Welcome to **Wawasee!**

This is who all of us are growing to *become* in Christ at Wawasee Bible...



## SECURE SON/DAUGHTER

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



## COURAGEOUS CONNECTOR

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



## READY STORYTELLER

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



## LEGACY BUILDER

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

## Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find: Psalm 73:23-28 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>23</sup> **Nevertheless**, I am **continually** with you; you **hold** my **right hand**. <sup>24</sup> You **guide** me with your **counsel**, and **afterward** you will **receive** me to **glory**.

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in **heaven** but you? And **there** is **nothing** on **earth** that I **desire besides** you. <sup>26</sup> My **flesh** and my **heart** may **fail**, but God is the **strength** of my **heart** and my **portion forever**. <sup>27</sup> For **behold**, those who are far from you shall **perish**; you put an end to **everyone** who is unfaithful to you.

<sup>28</sup> But for me it is **good** to be near God; I have **made** the **Lord** GOD my **refuge**, that I may **tell** of all your works.

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## Food for Thought *(continued)*

3. **Finding Clarity in God's Presence:** In **Psalm 73:15-17**, the psalmist gains understanding by entering God's sanctuary. Compare this with **Isaiah 55:8-9**. How does Isaiah's emphasis on God's higher thoughts and ways help explain why the psalmist needed God's perspective to resolve his questions? What does this suggest about how you can approach unanswered questions in your faith?

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4. **The Destiny of the Wicked:** **Psalm 73:18-20** describes the fleeting nature of the wicked's prosperity. **Look up Proverbs 24:19-20 and Luke 16:25**. How do these passages reinforce what **Psalm 73** says about the present and future of the wicked? Reflect on how this perspective might shape your response to injustice or evil around you.

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5. **The Hope of the Righteous:** **Psalm 73:23-26** highlights the enduring presence and hope of the righteous. **Read Hebrews 13:5 and Revelation 21:3-4**. How do these scriptures deepen your understanding of God's promise to be with the righteous both now and in eternity? Journal one way these truths encourage you to trust God in your current circumstances.

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